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DEGRADATION USING ELECTRICAL OR MAGNETIC ENERGY

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 19, 2000, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-20 (Invention I) without traverse. Applicants further direct Examiner's attention to claim 32 as a generic claim for consideration along with claims 1-20.

Please charge any deficiency in fees associated with filing this response to our Deposit Account No. 15-0750, Order No. OT-4465.

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